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Coming Events

- **May 1**
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Bible Study, 7:30pm
- **May 5**
Conference Assembly, Ganado
- **May 19**
Blessing and Parade of Wheeled Things;
High School Graduate Honored;
Acolyte Training
- **May 31—June 2**
Synod Assembly, Corpus Christi
- **June 2**
Nursing Home Worship Service, 3pm
- **June 9**
Pentecost Sunday with Confirmation
- **June 20 and 21**
Vacation Bible School, 9am-1pm
- **June 23**
VBS Closing, 9am

St. Peter's VBS "Toy Bible Stories!" to be held June 20—June 21, with closing on June 23 at 9am Worship

Get ready for a toy filled adventure at Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Toy Bible Stories! Join us as we learn Bible verses and lessons that remind us to pray as we play! Get ready for fun, laughter, excitement and the joy of watching children grow in their faith. We can't wait for you to join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander on June 20 and 21 with the toy character closing during worship time on Sunday, June 23. Ages 4 years old and up are welcomed. Three year olds will be allowed to participate but must be accompanied by an adult at all times. We'll open the toy room doors at 9a.m. then dig right into a Bible lesson, Crafts and Projects, learn Music of praise, play some Minute to Win It Games, and close with lunch at 12:00. For the children's offering each day, we will be asking for new or gently used books to be donated to surrounding area schools that have lost their entire library collections. Our closing will be the worship service on June 23 at 9a.m. with all the children encouraged to wear toy costumes! We invite all to attend and see what our kids have learned and created. A registration form is available on the church website and in the newsletter. You can also contact the church office or Julie Franke for a registration form. Please complete one form per child and turn in to the church office by Sunday, June 9. Walk-ins are welcome, but we would like to have the most accurate count we can for food and supply preparation.

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with crafts, music, pictures or food, please contact Julie Franke at your

earliest convenience, 361-935-0093 or julie.franke@hotmail.com. Thank you!!

A list of supplies needed for our Toy Bible Stories Vacation Bible School includes:

- Lots of small treasure box toys
- Treasure toy box
- 5 lasso ropes
- Woody Costume
- Bullseye's toy or costume
- Space Man Costume
- 60 ping pong balls
- 4 Wooden stick horses
- 8 plastic orange cones
- 4 slinkys
- 4 ping pong paddles
- Mr. Potato Head and parts (at least 2 sets)
- Any large items related to The Toy Story Movie for display

MORE EXCITEMENT the Toy Bible Story theme will also carry into the Summer Sunday School Sessions in June, July, and August! Watch for those dates to be announced, so you can join in the fun.

Annual Blessing to be given to Youth and their Wheeled Things on May 19

The annual Blessing of the Wheels will be held during the worship service on May 19. Bring all of your wheeled things — bikes, skates, scooters, skateboards, etc.— and have them blessed for summer use, then parade around the parking lot in a "Blessed Lap."

Wednesday Bible study resumes May 1

Adult Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 pm. We will resume our discussion on *The Purpose Driven Life* with Day 32.

Training for acolytes to be held on May 19

Acolyte training has been set for Sunday, May 19, at 11:15am. All those 4th grade and older who want to be acolytes are encouraged to come to the training, and to get on the list for serving. All current acolytes are also encouraged to attend to help train the new ones, and to review responsibilities and get updates on recent changes.

If you want to become an acolyte, but cannot attend the training, contact Pastor Anne to schedule individual training.

Reception honoring St. Peter's graduate and eighth grade students

On May 19, Tuffy Dornburg, graduate from Goliad High School, will receive a special prayer and blessing during the worship service and will be honored with a reception. Eighth grade graduates, Harley Jarzombek and Kaysa Wunsch, will also be honored at the reception that will follow the May 19 service. Sunday School classes will be held following this reception.

Safety proposal approved at special called congregational meeting

At the specially called congregation meeting on April 7, safety and security committee members presented proposed changes to church doors, including locks and push bars. Some of our current doors will be replaced. It was voted to approve funds not to exceed \$7500 to cover the costs for these safety compliance renovations.

Highlights of the March 28 Church Council Meeting

- The Spring assembly of the Bluebonnet Conference is May 5 at 2:30pm in Ganado. All interested are welcome to attend, we are allowed six voting members.
- Confirmation will be June 9, 2019.
- Youth summer camp is June 23-28 at Chrysalis and July 14-19 at Lutherhill
- VBS is June 20-21 with closing on Sunday morning, June 23. The theme is *Toy Bible Stories*.
- Outreach Committee is seeking ideas for this year's *God's Work, Our Hands* project.
- The next La Bahia Worship service is June 2. Neither Sherry nor Pastor Anne will be there. It was agreed to not re-schedule.
- Estimates are being obtained for the new handicap ramp and awning, as well as for cleaning the roof.
- An estimate to trim and remove dead limbs and ball moss from trees in the cemetery and parking lot came in for \$1600 for just the large oak in cemetery and oak in the parking lot or \$3000 for 5 oaks and 1 pine tree.
- Safety and Security Committee is developing a list of members who have a "license to carry."
- Exit signs have been purchased and will be installed.
- Stewardship/Finance reported that 40 giving units (39% of all giving units) have committed to give \$181,548 in 2019.
- Regina Calhoun will be the altar guild coordinator beginning January 2020.
- Worship and Music Committee proposed having communion at every Sunday service that was not led by lay people. Council will vote on this recommendation at their next meeting.
- Lay leaders will hold services during Pastor's absence on April 28, June 2 and September 15. A synodical pastor will hold services on June 16 and September 22.
- May 19 will be Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- Council discussed items on which to spend memorial funds to support our ministry and mission. These ideas will be shared with the Memorial Committee, and then final decisions for items to purchase will be made.
- Next meeting will be April 25, 2019 at 6:30pm.

THANK YOU ...

.... to all who came out to help with TxDOT road cleaning on April 13. Thirteen people collected 3 full bags of trash on our stretch of FM1961!

... to all who helped with Spring Cleaning. Windows cleaned, light diffusers cleaned of bugs and dust, trees were trimmed, pews vacuumed and racks cleaned, new address labels on the mailbox, cabinets cleaned, vents vacuumed, and so much more. Thanks for helping to spiff up the property for Easter!

.... to Brenda and Aldon Bade and Kade Irwin for raking and hauling away all the leaves out of the cemetery.

.... to Jill Wiggins for mowing and Ray Albrecht for shredding in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt and Sunrise Service.

....to all who donated to the Food Pantry in our "40 cans for 40 days" drive during Lent. We collected \$380 and 348 food items towards feeding the hungry in Goliad County.



2019

Wed May 1, 2019

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Bible Study, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Sun May 5, 2019

9am Communion service, special called Congregational meeting following worship
10:15am Confirmation class
10:15am Sunday school classes
2:30pm Conference Assembly in Ganado

Tue May 7, 2019

6:30pm Worship and Music committee meeting

Wed May 8, 2019

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Bible Study, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Sun May 12, 2019

9am Communion service
10:15am Sunday school classes

Tue May 14, 2019

2pm Bible study for Women of the ELCA
3pm Women of the ELCA meeting

Wed May 15, 2019

9am Lutheran World Relief workday
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Bible Study, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Sun May 19, 2019

9am Communion service; Blessing and Parade of Wheeled Things; High School Graduate Honored
10:15am Sunday school classes
11:15am Acolyte training

Mon May 20, 2019

Newsletter articles due in the Church office

Wed May 22, 2019

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Bible Study, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Thu May 23, 2019

6:30pm Congregation Council meeting

Thu May 23, 2019—Wed June 5, 2019
Church secretary's vacation

Sun May 26, 2019

9am Communion service
10:15am Sunday school classes

Wed May 29, 2019

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Bible Study, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Fri May 31, 2019—Sun June 2, 2019

Synod Assembly in Corpus Christi

Sun June 2, 2019

9am Worship service
3pm Nursing Home Worship service

Special congregational meeting to be held on May 5

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 5, after the worship service. The two items on the agenda are to approve spending for a handicap ramp and the pressure washing of all the church property roofs and sidewalks and handicap parking area.

Synod Assembly to be held in Corpus Christi

The Annual Assembly of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA will be held in Corpus Christi May 31 - June 2. Sandy and Sherry Sanders will be attending, along with Pastor Anne, to represent our congregation. Please keep the assembly in your prayers as we make decisions about the future ministries of the synod.

Thank you from Goliad County Outreach

Goliad County Outreach would like to thank all of those who gave can goods to help feed our clients during Lent. Thank you so very much and God Bless you all!

Tony Kouba
President

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

St. Peter's WELCA Bible study and meeting to be held

Bible Study for the Women of the ELCA begins at 2pm on May 14. The Bible study, from the May Gather Magazine, *From generation to generation: Two-way blessings*, will be led by Linda Dornburg. For a copy of the Bible study, please call Kathy Albrecht at the church office. All are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship. The regular monthly meeting of St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will follow at 3pm.

Upbring gifts to be received at May 12 worship service

On May 12, St. Peter's Women of the ELCA invites everyone to give a gift of love to Upbring, the new Lutheran Social Services of the South, in honor of mothers and children without mothers. Every child is a gift. Every child deserves love. Every child needs a champion to keep them safe, help them grow healthy and strong and encourage their dreams. Together, we can give all Texas children a brighter future. We invite you to reflect upon how your gift might add worth and value to the life of an at-risk youth that may not have a caring parent. You may place your gift in the tea pot on the display table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Ingathering completed the 2018-2019 LWR Project

The Bluebonnet Conference Women of the ELCA, Southwestern Texas Synod, held the Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief items on Tuesday, April 23, in the parking lot of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero.

The following items were donated by St. Peter's: 67 Baby Care Kits, 7 Fabric Kits, 86 Bars of Soap, 116 Personal Care Kits, 138 School Kits, 1 Blanket and 168 Quilts. Seventy-one boxes were used to pack all of the items donated. Your support of LWR, with donations of goods and offerings, are greatly appreciated. You are a blessing to those in this world whose needs far exceed our own. We never know where disasters will strike, but we know Lutheran World Relief through various agencies throughout the world will be ready to distribute humanitarian supplies when and wherever needed.

Rachel's Day to be observed on May 5

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA encourages everyone to wear blue on May 5—the color blue is a symbol of hope. Rachel's Day is a day set aside to mourn the loss of our children to violence and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. It is a time to recommit to children everywhere not only to mourn their loss, but to celebrate the vision of a better future. St. Peter's youth will be taking part in leadership roles in the worship service, as together we recognize the value of all God's children and we hope, plan and pray for the safety and protection of all children.

In 1996, the first Sunday in May was observed as Rachel's Day in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. The day took its name from Jeremiah 31:15–17. In those verses Rachel grieves for her children.

For over two decades, we have been observing Rachel's Day and much has been accomplished in building awareness about gun violence, drugs, abuse, neglect, poor education, health and hunger which all contribute to the death of children. Today, children are also threatened with death by suicide, often a result of being bullied. Rachel's Day and anti-violence work are not about fixing others nor are they just spectator activities. Remember that children need to know that adults care, so it is important we know what they are feeling. Ending violence seems a difficult challenge, but remember this work is a marathon and not a sprint.

LWR Workday scheduled for May 15

There will be a Lutheran World Relief workday on May 15 with stone soup served for lunch. Everyone is invited to join in the quilting activities and share lunch together. Items for the soup, breads/crackers, or desserts are always welcomed and appreciated.



Palm Sunday began the week's activities leading up to the Easter Celebration



St. Peter's adult choir sang their choral anthem, "Hosanna," and presented choral message, "The Three Nails," for Palm Sunday.



The youth led the Easter Festival Celebration Parade and shared their Easter Songs.



LWR quilts and kits dedicated and blessed during April 7 worship



Forty six Lutheran World Relief quilts, from the total 168 quilts, were displayed in St. Peter's sanctuary.

Spring clean-up day at St. Peter's



On April 13, St. Peter's members were willing to rise to the challenge of cleaning inside, out, and all around the Church property!

St. Peter's egg hunt brought smiles and giggles from all ages



St. Peter's Staff

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor

Kathy Albrecht
Church Office Secretary

Dorothy Bowman
Organist and Choir
Director

Congregation Council

Brenda Bade
Secretary and Co-Chair of
Christian Education
(term ends 12/31/21)

Eva Nell Griffith
President
(term ends 12/31/19)

Linda Koehler
Chair of Worship and Music
(term ends 12/31/21)

Sherry Sanders
Vice-President and
Chair of Outreach
(term ends 12/31/19)

Ashford Taylor
Council Liaison of Property
(term ends 12/31/20)

Terrell Wiggins
Chair of Safety
(term ends 12/31/19)

Trey Wimberly
Council Liaison of
Stewardship and Finance
(term ends 12/31/20)

Leslie Wunsch
Co-Chair of Christian
Education
(term ends 12/31/21)

The Rev. Anne Kolmeier
Pastor (ex-officio)

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00am
Sunday School: 10:15am —
11:30am (Sept. — May)

Holy Communion:
throughout the Easter
season festivals.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5-01 Emily Klinkerman
5-7 Bryce Odem
5-9 Zander York
5-10 Arlene DeForest
5-14 Walker Wimberly
5-15 Landon Post
5-16 Wyatt Ball
5-17 Meghan Foil
5-21 Brenda Straube
5-22 Maevyn Wunsch
5-24 Shane Davis
5-24 Mallory Luker
5-26 Jonathan Ideus
5-27 Jill Wiggins
5-30 Mollie Janota-Wallace
5-30 Tyler Tislow
5-31 Travis Post

If any listings of birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect, or if a listing is missing, please contact the church office at 645-2922 or office@stpetersander.org



*Happy
Anniversary*

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5-1-04 Ronda and Nathan Irwin
5-7-16 Erin and Nicholas Smith
5-14-16 Regina and Colby May
5-15-10 Tara and David Krueger
5-17-03 Leslie and Trace Wunsch
5-19-73 Sherry and Sandy Sanders
5-19-62 Deanna & Gary Wacker
5-27-62 Loyce & Delbert McCullough

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St. Peter's Ministry Fund Update Through March 31, 2019

Ministry fund beginning balance, January 1, 2019	\$69,098.03
Offerings	\$47,866.44
Cost of ministries	\$54,595.00
Ministry fund ending balance, March 31, 2019	\$62,369.47

Note: St. Peter's Ministry Fund (previously known as the current fund and the general operating fund) includes all of St. Peter's regular, budgeted ministries, including ELCA Mission Support. It does not include designated gifts to the building fund, memorials, or other non-budgeted designated gifts.



Homebound: Barry Geary, 1403 Gohmert Rd., Cuero, TX 77954,
phone 361-275-5591

MEMBERS —

June Bethke
Barry Geary
Tom Morris
Sherry Sanders
Mary Schmidt
Fritz and Geraldine Sturm (and family)
Deanna Wacker
Mike Wilburn

FRIENDS —

Troy Berthold – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Nate Boehl – friend of Wunsch family
David Brogger – Victoria police officer and friend of Ray and Kathy Albrecht
Al Brothers – friend of Mike and Regina Calhoun
Family of Reta Brown – sister of Deanna Wacker
Dwane Bruns – brother of Deanna Wacker
Dawn Butler – sister of Lana Jarzombek and Ronda Irwin
Paula Calhoun – mother of Mike Calhoun
David Dierlam – friend of Allison and Wesley Ball
Slade Doehrman – cousin of Ray Albrecht
Wilburn Eckhardt – Leslie Wunsch's sister-in-law's father
Denise Engle – friend of Amy Wilburn
Joyce Foster – grandmother of Shelby Foster
Robbie Friedrichs – friend of June Bethke
Olivia Funchez – infant great niece of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Ainsley Garza – cousin of Arlene DeForest and Eva Nell Griffith
Peggy Gentry – friend of Elaine Post
Kerry Giles – son-in-law of Sandy and Sherry Sanders
Harold Gleinser – friend of community and brother-in-law of the Bowmans
Rebecca Graves – infant great-niece of Joyce Franklin, friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Wilma Grupe – aunt of Karie Wimberly
Milton Haas – friend of Alvin and Arlene DeForest
Stefani Hargrove – friend of Karen Klinkerman

The Rev. Bill Hassel – retired Bluebonnet Conference pastor
John Hausmann – cousin of Allen Jank
Dale Henderson – father of Margaret Luker
Vanita Ann Hausmann Homer – friend of Brenda and Aldon Bade
Betty Jacob – friend of June Bethke
Ryan Janak – ten year old nephew of Leo Henke
Donna Justice – friend of community
Melita Keith – friend of Margaret Luker
Cullen Kickendahl – four year old son of Clint and Sherry Kickendahl
Family of Alvin Krueger – father of David Krueger
Jo Nell Martin – friend of community
Michael McLead – uncle of Nathan Irwin
Doris Moore – cousin of Fritz Sturm
Sydney Morris – sister of Jess Odem
Kevin Mozisek – friend of Lana and Gary Jarzombek
Mark Mueller – friend and classmate of Beverly Martin
Andy and Stephanie Navas – granddaughter of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Cole Ohrt – friend of community
Mary Poppert – sister of Ina DeForest and Alvin DeForest
Jose Reyes – friend of Shelby Foster
Marcus Rezendez – friend of Amy Wilburn
Edna May Riggs – friend of Fritz and Geraldine Sturm
Susan Calhoun Rosello – cousin of Mike Calhoun
James Rung – five year old son of Greta Henke's friend
Jenny Sanders – daughter of Sherry and Sandy Sanders
Billy Charles Scott – cousin of Leslie Wunsch
Bonnie Staha – friend of Jamie Friedrichs
Bobbi Stiles – great aunt of Shelby Foster
Jay Thigpen – friend of Carl and Sarah Brandes
Family of Virginia Turner – friend and former co-worker of Jamie Friedrichs
Victor Vargas – four year old nephew of Alyssa, Luke Abrameit's wife
Rob Wall – son of Brenda Foil's friend, Roxy

Arthur Williams – friend of Sandy and Sherry Sanders

Rebecca Wisnoski – friend of Lana Jarzombek and Wendi Yendrey

Thank you —

My St. Peter's church family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the thoughts and prayers, cards, calls, and visits, hugs and smiles. Those are the things that got me through the hardest days of my recovery after knee replacement surgery! Those are the things that remind me how we truly are God's hands doing God's work because you did it for me.

I am truly blessed to be part of St. Peter's church family!

Love you all,
Sherry Sanders



THE FAMILY OF RETA BROWN, sister Deanna Wacker, who died on April 22. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 10am, followed by a meal at the Methodist Church in Goliad. May God comfort and strengthen the family as they grieve Reta's passing.

THE FAMILY OF ALVIN KRUEGER, father of David Krueger, who died on Thursday, April 25. Arrangements for the funeral service are pending at this time. May God comfort and strengthen the family as they grieve Alvin's passing.

“Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your hearts, all ye that hope in the Lord.” — Psalm 31:24



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Worship Leaders for May

ALTAR GUILD

Brenda Foil and Meghan Foil

OFFERING COUNTERS

Gayle Baecker and Mike Calhoun

GREETERS

Harley and Lana Jarzombek

USHERS

Glenn Karnei and Jerry Kolmeier

FLOWERS

5-5 Regina and Mike Calhoun
5-12 open
5-19 open
5-26 open

MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Arlene DeForest and Fischer Saxton

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Allison Ball and Ina DeForest



Sunday, May 12, 2019



2019 VBS Registration Form

Toy Bible Stories

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21

Begin at 9am and end with lunch at 12pm

Closing on Sunday, June 23 at 9am

Submit registration form by June 9 (One per child)

Return to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Office

1545 E. FM 1961, Goliad, TX 77963

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

I/We _____ do consent _____ do not consent to my/our child being photographed and the pictures being posted on the church website, church Facebook page or in the church. Names of the children will not be posted.